

# the Westminster Insider News



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## WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL APPOINTS MARWAN N. YOUSSEF AS CITY MANAGER



The Westminster City Council has unanimously appointed Marwan N. Youssef, the city's public works director, as the new city manager.

Youssef will replace Sherry Johnson, who has been serving as the interim city manager since February 2020.

"I am deeply honored for this opportunity to serve this council and the Westminster community," said Youssef.

Read the full press release [here](#).

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# Orange County Coronavirus Update

## Current Status (2/8/21): Purple Tier

- **Restaurants**
  - Take-out or outdoor only with modifications
- **Places of Worship**
  - May reopen indoors with modifications, limited to 25% capacity
- **Shopping Centers**
  - Indoor capacity must be limited to 25% for shopping malls, destination shopping centers, and swap meets
  - Closed common areas
  - Closed food courts
- **Retail**
  - Retail capacity must be limited to 25%
  - Grocery store capacity may remain limited to 50%
- **Hair Salons and Barbershops**
  - May reopen indoors with modifications
- **Personal Care Services (e.g. nail salons, body waxing, tattoo parlors, piercing studios, skin care and cosmetology, massage services)**
  - May remain reopen indoors with modifications
- **Gyms and Fitness Facilities**
  - Outdoor only with modifications
- **Movie Theaters**
  - Outdoor only with modifications

**Questions?**



**COVID-19 Hotline**  
**(714) 834-2000**



**Health Referral Line**  
**(800) 564-8448**

Visit [www.westminster-ca.gov/permits](http://www.westminster-ca.gov/permits) to apply for a temporary outdoor business or dining permit.

For more information, go to [www.COVID19.ca.gov](http://www.COVID19.ca.gov).

**CALIFORNIA**  
**ALL**

**COVID19.CA.GOV**

**Your Actions Save Lives**

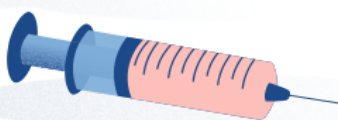
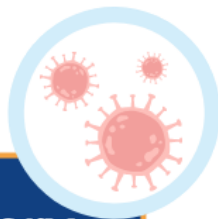






**Vaccines** are in very short supply.

**Get Notified** When  
It's Time to Book  
Your Appointment.



**Othena**

Powered by CuraPatient

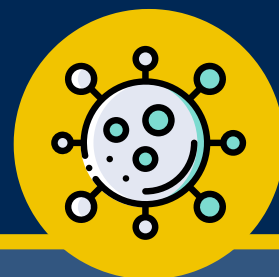
Questions about COVID-19 or  
the vaccine?

**Call (714) 834-2000.**

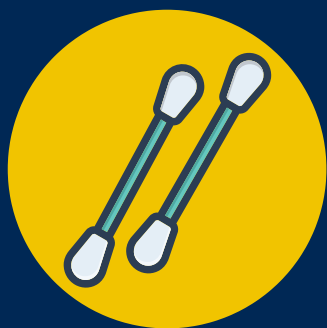
The OC Health Care Agency  
Hotline offers automated  
responses to FAQs 24/7 and live,  
trained operators from  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m., seven days a week.



# FREE



## Saliva At-Home Test Kits & Nostril Swab At-Home Test Kits



**FOR ALL ORANGE  
COUNTY RESIDENTS**  
**[Click here to order yours!](#)**



## BUSINESS RESOURCES

### Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loans



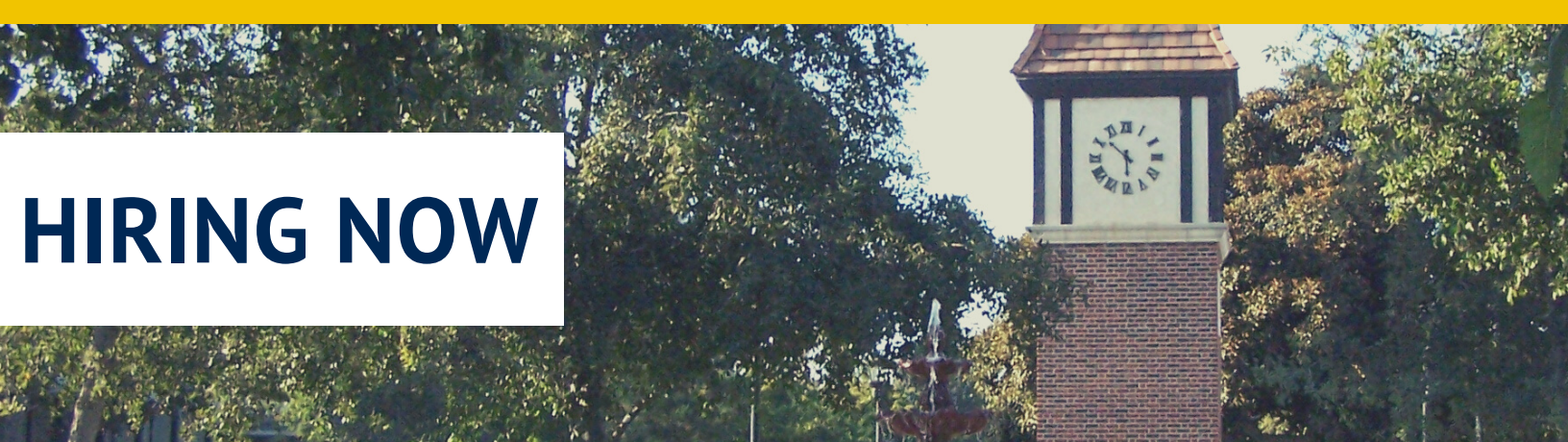
- Available to first and second time loan applicants
  - Provides loans to help fund payroll costs
- Applications will be accepted until March 31, 2021

The Paycheck Protection Program provides forgivable loans to help fund payroll costs, including benefits. PPP may also be used to pay for mortgage interest, rent, utilities, and worker protection costs related to COVID-19. Learn more about the PPP at the [\*\*U.S. Small Business Administration \(SBA\) website\*\*](#).



Check out our "[Local Business Resources](#)" page for information and resources available through local agencies and non-profit organizations!





# HIRING NOW

## HR & RISK MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

- Department: Human Resources/Risk Management
- Job Type: Full-Time
- Open Until Filled

## POLICE OFFICER RECRUIT

- Department: Police
- Job Type: Part-Time Hourly
- Closes: Continuous

## POLICE OFFICER I

- Department: Police
- Job Type: Full-Time
- Closes: Continuous

## CROSSING GUARD

- Department: Community Services
- Job Type: Part-Time
- Closes: Continuous



For more information, visit [www.governmentjobs.com/careers/westminster](http://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/westminster)

# ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS: *PERSONNEL BOARD*

When requested by the Council, the Personnel Board shall hold hearings and make recommendations on any matter pertaining to personnel administration within the limits of the request. The Personnel Board shall hear written appeals from disciplinary actions, dismissal, demotion, suspension or alleged violation of the rules and regulations, including but not limited to the rules set forth in the City's Personnel Manual. We're currently seeking a member from the religious community within the City and one member from among officers or employees of the public education institutions.



For more information, visit [www.westminster-ca.gov](http://www.westminster-ca.gov) or contact the City Clerk's office at (714) 548-3237.



# Council Meeting Schedule

**Regular Meeting - February 24**

**Regular Meeting - March 10**

**Regular Meeting - March 24**

**\*Meetings are still being conducted virtually via teleconference/web conference.**

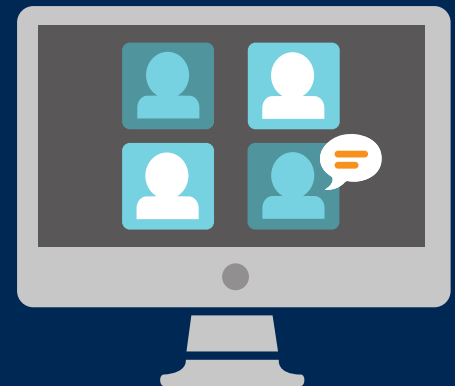
**[Click here to view agendas.](#)**

## **Virtual Meetings**



In an effort to protect public health and prevent the spread of COVID-19, in lieu of attending the meeting, members of the public may view the meeting live in one of the following ways:

- **[City of Westminster YouTube Channel](#)**
- **[City of Westminster Streaming Video Online](#)**
- Westminster WTV: Spectrum Channel 3, Frontier FiOS Channel 42, and AT&T UVerse Channel 99



**To view the meeting via zoom, submit e-comments to address the city council, or submit a speaker request, visit [www.westminster-ca.gov/virtual-meetings](http://www.westminster-ca.gov/virtual-meetings).**



# RESOURCES FOR RENTERS

## Eviction Moratorium EXTENDED

On January 29, 2021 the Governor signed legislation to extend the eviction moratorium and assist tenants and small property owners impacted by COVID-19.

If you are unable to pay your rent due to a coronavirus-related hardship between September 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021, you must also pay at least 25 percent of the rent due to avoid eviction.

Tenants are still responsible for paying unpaid amounts to property owners, but those unpaid amounts cannot be the basis for an eviction, even after the moratorium ends.

[Read more here.](#)



## Affordable Housing

Looking for an affordable rental unit in Westminster? Click below for a list of affordable rental opportunities. All properties are privately managed. To inquire about availability, rental rates and income qualifications, please contact the respective property management team.

### [City of Westminster - List of Affordable Housing](#)

For additional affordable housing opportunities throughout Orange County, the County of Orange maintains a list of affordable units which can be found at [ochousing.org](http://ochousing.org).

## Fair Housing

If you want to learn more about fair housing laws, the [Fair Housing Foundation](#) provides education to tenants, landlords, property owners, realtors and property management companies. The Fair Housing Foundation provides services to cities throughout Orange County, including Westminster.

[Sign-up for virtual workshops](#) to learn more about your rights and responsibilities as a tenant or landlord.

For assistance, call Fair Housing Foundation at (800) 446-3247, or email at [info@fhfca.org](mailto:info@fhfca.org).



# FAIR HOUSING: THE LAW IS ON YOUR SIDE.



**It is illegal for landlords and real estate agents to deny you housing opportunities because of your ethnicity. The Fair Housing Act prohibits housing discrimination based on national origin.**

**If you believe you have experienced a violation of your rights, file a complaint.**

**Go to [www.FHFCA.org](http://www.FHFCA.org) for more information or call our Fair Housing Assistance Hotline at 1-800-446-3247.**



**The federal Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status or disability.**



# EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

for Orange County Renters



The **County of Orange** will offer rental households, up to **\$10,000 in financial assistance** for unpaid rent or utility bills due to the impact of **COVID-19**.

**Accepting applications starting February 1** and will only be accepted until February 28, 2021.

To **APPLY** and **find more information**:



Visit the website at **[www.ERA.211OC.org](http://www.ERA.211OC.org)**



Text **ERA** to **898211**



Call **2-1-1**

## Eligibility requirements include:



Eligible expenses are **UNPAID rent or utility bills** due to COVID-19 impact only, not future rent or utility costs. You must also meet income requirement as stated below.

Household annual income must be at or below **80% Area Median Income (AMI)**:

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>80%AMI Level</b>	\$71,750	\$82,000	\$92,250	\$102,450	\$110,650	\$118,850

Landlords can encourage tenants to apply.





# City of Westminster 2021-2029 **HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE**

The City of Westminster is in the process of updating the 2021-2029 Housing Element.



## **Why is the City updating its Housing Element?**

Each city and county in California is required to have a Housing Element and update it at least every eight years. Updating the Housing Element gives the City a clear picture of housing-related issues such as: housing supply and demand, the types of housing available within the City, housing affordability, and homelessness. Once the Housing Element is updated, it must be approved by the California Department of Housing and Community Development. Updating our Housing Element will ensure that we meet State requirements, and make Westminster eligible for State grants and other funding sources. It will also give our elected and appointed officials clear guidance on housing issues facing Westminster.





**Call 714.903.1331 for  
more information!**

## Hours of Operation

**Monday through  
Friday**

**Appointment Only:  
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.**

The Westminster Family Resource Center (WFRC) serves low-income families residing in the City of Westminster and surrounding cities in Orange County. The WFRC has become the centralized information and referral point for the community. With the assistance of bilingual staff and various partners, individuals can create linkages with necessary resources such as food trolleys, counseling services, enrichment programs, and other services to help strengthen their families. [Click here](#) for more information regarding programs and services.

## **Westminster Family Resource Center**



**Located at Sigler Park  
7200 Plaza St.  
Westminster, CA 92683**

**General Information:  
714.903.1331**

## Partners



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
OF WESTMINSTER**



**ABRAZAR**  
Embrace - Educate - Empower



COMMUNITY SERVICES

# WESTMINSTER

NEWSLETTER & RECREATION GUIDE

Winter



## Virtual Recreation Center



Your place to find fun resources and activities to keep you and your family entertained, active, and informed!

***Check back weekly***   
***for themed activities!***



# Water Awareness POSTER CONTEST

ALL ORANGE COUNTY STUDENTS IN GRADES K-12 ARE  
INVITED TO CREATE POSTERS THAT REFLECT THE THEME:

## #SAVE TOGETHER



### WIN AN IPAD



One grand prize winner per grade division:

**K-2 / 3-5 / 6-8 / 9-12** will win an iPad!

### SUBMIT ARTWORK



PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING  
INFORMATION WITH YOUR EMAIL  
SUBMISSION:

- ★ Student's Name
- ★ Grade Level
- ★ School Name
- ★ School District
- ★ Teacher's Name
- ★ Teacher's Email
- ★ Parent's Name
- ★ Parent's Email
- ★ Parent's Phone

SEND CONTEST  
ENTRIES TO:



### TEACHERS!

Make it a class  
project and be  
entered to win a FREE  
virtual, interactive  
water lesson for your  
students!

## CONTEST RULES

★ **DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2021** ★

- Now open to all Orange County children; however, only students in grades K-12 are eligible to receive a Grand Prize. All Pre-K entries will receive a personal letter from Ricky Raindrop.
- Submissions must reflect the student's own ability.
- Posters must be drawn horizontally on 8.5 x 11 in. paper.
- ORIGINAL ARTWORK ONLY. Posters submitted with copyrighted characters or images (e.g. Mickey Mouse) will not be accepted. Students are allowed to use the Ricky Raindrop character in their artwork.  
<https://bit.ly/RickyRaindropIMG>

All artwork will be the exclusive property of the Municipal Water District of Orange County for reproduction or promotional purposes, and may be published at mwdoc.com

### QUESTIONS?

Postercontest@mwdoc.com

(714) 593-5004



# Rain Barrels

## \$30 after rebate!

\$35 rebate on rain barrels  
(maximum 2/submission)

Date: February 27, 2021

Due to the Coronavirus we will be delivering the rain barrels on **Saturday, February 27** to your home and they will be put on your front door. For your safety you do not need to come out of your residence. Instructions on applying for the rebate and installation will be left with your rain barrels.

### Barrel specifications:

- Recycled food-grade plastic barrels
- Brass  $\frac{3}{4}$ " spigot for garden hose attachment
- Side brass overflow with cap
- 4" tight screen preventing insect access
- 50 gallons (2 different styles)

Rain barrels can be pre-purchased for  
**\$65+tax**  
(then apply for rebate).

Visit [RainBarrelsIntl.com](http://RainBarrelsIntl.com),  
click the **EVENTS** tab & select  
City of Westminster.



Model TCB - 50



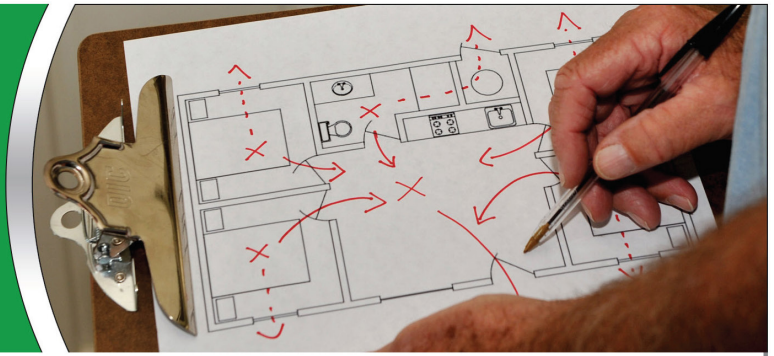
Model TC - 50

For rebate information: [Info@RainBarrelsIntl.com](mailto:Info@RainBarrelsIntl.com) or call (919) 602-6316.



# PUBLIC SAFETY MESSAGE FROM ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

## HOME ESCAPE PLAN



*Every second counts during a fire. Create and practice a home escape plan so you and your family can get out quickly if the smoke alarm sounds.*



*Fires can spread quickly once the smoke alarm sounds, leaving only a minute or two to escape.*



**Orange County  
Fire Authority**

[ocfa.org](http://ocfa.org)

**(714) 573-6200**



### **Plan Ahead**

- Make a home escape plan showing two ways out of every room. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home.
- Choose an outside meeting place in front of and a safe distance from your home.
- Practice your home escape plan at least twice a year. During your drills, practice escaping from different exits and teach children to escape on their own.
- Make sure someone is assigned to assist with small children, older adults, or family members with disabilities.
- Slow the spread of fire in your home by closing doors while you sleep.
- Test your smoke alarms once a month with your children so they recognize the sound.

### **Respond Safely if a Fire Occurs**

- Smoke and heat rise, so crawl low as you follow your home escape plan.
- Test doors before opening. Use the back of your hand to feel the door for heat, starting at the bottom and working your way up. If the door feels warm, don't open it. Use your secondary exit to escape.
- Close doors as you evacuate to slow the spread of smoke and fire.
- Once you're out, stay out. Go immediately to your outside meeting place and NEVER go back inside for any reason.
- Call 9-1-1 once you are safely outside of your home.

### **If Trapped by Fire**

- Close the door between you and the fire.
- Use towels, blankets, or clothing to seal door cracks and help prevent smoke from entering the room.
- Call 9-1-1 and tell the dispatcher where you are in the home.
- Signal for help from a window when firefighters arrive.

# Family-to-Family

CLASSES EVERY  
MONDAY EVENING  
VIA ZOOM

FEBRUARY 22 -  
MAY 10, 2021  
6:00PM - 8:30 PM

## "HOW DO I HELP A LOVED ONE WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS?"

If your loved one is affected by mental illness, you are in a similar situation with many other families and caregivers. Wondering what to do and how you can help? **Family-to-Family is a 12-session program designed just for you.**

**Seats are limited! To sign up,  
please visit [NAMIOC.ORG](http://NAMIOC.ORG), or contact (714) 544-8488**

You will receive an email to confirm your registration,  
along with the Zoom link to access the class.



Funded by: OC Health Care Agency (OCHCA), Behavioral Health  
Services, Prevention & Intervention, Mental Health Services Act/Prop. 63

**StigmaFreeOC**





## PUBLIC SAFETY MESSAGE FROM OCMVCD



OCMVCD  
AT-HOME SCIENCE KIT

# SIGN UP ONLINE FOR YOUR CHILD TO RECEIVE A FREE MOSQUITO ACTIVITY KIT

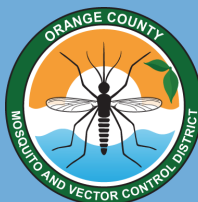
### Kit includes:

- Magnifying card
- Educational activities
- Materials to build your own mosquito model
- Breeding source hunt



**Your children will have lots of fun completing this at-home science kit! After completing the kit, your child will be well on their way to becoming a Junior Vector Inspector!**

***Click here to order your free kit.***



**Orange County**  
**Mosquito and Vector Control District**

*A Public Health Agency Serving Orange County Since 1947*

## ***Did you know...***

City Hall's temporary hours are Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Buildings are currently closed to the public until further notice. Staff will be available during office hours for electronic and telephone services.

For general assistance, call  
(714) 898-3311.

There are no changes to the trash pickup schedule in February. [Click here](#) for more information on trash pickup from Midway City Sanitary District.

You can drop off mattresses for free at the Midway City Sanitary District site Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

14451 Cedarwood Ave.  
Westminster, CA 92683

For more details, call (714) 893-3553.

Need to pay your water bill in person? City Hall is currently closed to the public, but you can visit our Corporation Yard!

Westminster Corporation Yard  
14381 Olive St.  
Westminster, CA 92683

(714) 894-3796

Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm

The City of Westminster has a YouTube account!



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## OTHER NEWS



### Resuming *behind-the-wheel* drive tests

starting  
February  
1st!



## THE ROSE OUTDOORS

musicals in concert series



### CORONAVIRUS UPDATES & RESOURCES

[www.projectwestminster.com/  
coronavirus-updates](http://www.projectwestminster.com/coronavirus-updates)



### 405 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

[OCTA.NET/405MAP](http://OCTA.NET/405MAP)

